

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (cancelled). A double barrel scaffold horizontal member comprising a upper tube and a lower tube assembly joined in a vertical relationship, said upper tube having an interior and an exterior end and a first attachment member positioned on said exterior end, said lower tube assembly having a an exterior and interior ends and a second attachment member positioned on said exterior end of said lower tube assembly, where said exterior end of said lower tube assembly is distal from said exterior end of said upper tube.

2 (cancelled). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim 1 wherein said lower tube assembly further comprises a lower tube and a third tube, said third tube being slidable with respect to said lower tube, said second attachment member on said lower tube assembly being located on said third tube.

3 (cancelled). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim 1 herein said first and second attachment members are clamp means.

4 (cancelled). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim 1 herein said first and second attachment members are pivotable clamp means.

5 (currently amended). A double barrel scaffold horizontal member comprising an upper tube and a lower tube assembly joined in a vertical relationship, said upper tube having an interior and an exterior end and a first attachment member positioned on said exterior end, said lower tube assembly having a an exterior and interior ends and a second attachment member positioned on said exterior end of said lower tube assembly, where said exterior end of said lower tube assembly is distal from said exterior end of said upper tube. ~~The double barrel scaffold horizontal~~

~~member according to claim 1~~ further having and a means for attaching a vertical scaffold member, said means positioned near said interior end of said upper tube.

6 (currently amended). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim ~~4~~5 where said means for attaching a vertical scaffold member includes a vertical stub attached to said top tube, said vertical stub adapted to engage a vertical scaffold member.

7 (currently amended). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim 4 + wherein said interior end of said upper tube is positioned between said interior and exterior end of said lower tube assembly.

8 (currently amended). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim 5 + further having a plate joining and vertically separating said upper tube and said lower tube assembly.

9 (currently amended). The double barrel scaffold horizontal member according to claim ~~4~~ 5 where said means for attaching a vertical scaffold member includes ~~further having~~ a projecting member positioned on said upper tube near said interior end of said upper tube.

10. (currently amended). In combination with a scaffold system having horizontal scaffold members and vertical scaffold members assembled into a frame, a scaffold deck access system comprising

a double barrel scaffold horizontal member, a series of short scaffold boards, a series of long scaffold boards, a series of short horizontal members and a safety rail system,

said double barrel scaffold horizontal member further comprising:

an upper tube and a lower tube assembly joined in a vertical relationship, said upper tube having an interior and an exterior end, and an upper attachment member positioned on said exterior end, said lower tube assembly having an exterior and interior ends and a lower attachment member positioned on said exterior end of said lower tube assembly, where said exterior end of said bottom tube assembly is distal from said exterior end of said upper tube;

said double barrel horizontal scaffold member being joined to said scaffold frame through said upper attachment member and said lower attachment member, and said series of short scaffold boards being positioned perpendicular to and between said upper tube and one of said horizontal scaffold members, said long scaffold boards being positioned parallel to said short ~~vertical~~-scaffold boards member and connecting from on one of said horizontal members ~~and on~~ to a second opposing horizontal members, thereby defining a scaffold work surface with an access opening therethrough, and

said safety rail system comprising:

a vertical stub attached to the interior end of said upper tube;

a short vertical scaffold member attached to said vertical stub;

one or more short horizontal members joined between the short vertical scaffold member and opposing horizontal scaffold members,

11 (new). In combination with a scaffold system having horizontal scaffold members and vertical scaffold members assembled into a frame, the scaffold deck access system according to claim 10 further having a gate means to prevent access to the opening in scaffold work surface.

12 (new). In combination with a scaffold system having horizontal scaffold members and vertical scaffold members assembled into a frame, the scaffold deck access system according to claim 11 whereby the gate means is comprised of a second short vertical scaffold member, said short vertical scaffold member connecting two horizontal scaffold members in the same plane and opposite the first short vertical scaffold member, and a pivoting gate attached to the second short vertical member.

13 (new). In combination with a scaffold system having horizontal scaffold members and vertical scaffold members assembled into a frame, the scaffold deck access system according to claim 11 whereby a ladder is located inside the opening.

14 (new). In combination with a scaffold system having horizontal scaffold members and vertical scaffold members assembled into a frame, the scaffold deck access system according to claim 13 whereby said ladder is engaged with the scaffold structure.